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### Corie Feiner Named 2011 Bucks County Poet Laureate



Corie Feiner of Yardley has been named the 2011 Bucks County Poet Laureate.

Congratulations to Yardley resident **Corie Feiner**, who has been named the 2011 Bucks County Poet Laureate by officials at Bucks County Community College. Feiner, who earned an MFA in poetry from New York University in 2001, bested 71 other entrants to win the 35th annual Bucks County Poet Laureate Contest.

She will take the baton from outgoing Poet Laureate, **Lorraine Henrie Lins** of Langhorne.

Contest judge, poet **Martha Rhodes**, said Feiner's poems had "wonderful and unexpected moments throughout. ...Poem-to-poem, stanza-to-stanza, line-to-line, these poems are clear, moving, and multi-dimensional."

A longtime teaching-artist for organizations such as Teachers & Writers Collaborative, Poets & Writers, and Poets House, Feiner will read from her work on Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. at the college's Orangery on the campus at 275 Swamp Road in Newtown.

The reading also will feature first runner-up **Geri Ann McLaughlin** of Quakertown; second runner-up **Katherine Falk** of Newtown; and third runner-up **Nick Hiser** of Warrington. Outgoing poet laureate **Lorraine Henrie Lins** of Langhorne will also read from her works.

Feiner, who is the author of the poetry collection *Radishes into Roses* (Linear Arts Press), was encouraged to enter the contest by 2006 poet laureate **Marie Kane** whose house she bought when she relocated from New York.

Here is a selection of Feiner's work and a video clip of her performing her poem, "Tattoos" at the Brooklyn Society of Ethical Culture.

#### "Underneath"

For my great-great grandmother, Minnie Fine

Thank you for the irregular heart of my face, the sand in my skin, the dark yellow rim in my eyes. Thank you for the burnt red in my hair, the hard stare, Minnie, sit with me, drink

a glass of peppermint schnapps. I want to tell you of these things: the pickles I let rest on my tongue, the ginger I grind in my gums, I want to ask you why

I spell every Yiddish word wrong? Why my language fits like a coat I stole from a barroom rack? Minnie, I wear thin shirts, show my stomach and bare arms on public streets. I let the skin of my tattoo loose like a flag for your brother, your sister, your parents. Mine. Minnie,

#### ABOUT TIRDAD DERAKHSHANI

Tirdad Derakhshani was born in Tehran, Iran, and raised in London and rural North Jersey, where he closely studied a theoretical, radical post-Hegelian approach to cow-tipping. He moved to Philadelphia in the mid-'80s to seek enlightenment, and instead received a B.A. in literature at Penn. While pursuing doctoral studies in modern religious thought and philosophy, he worked at the Inquirer as a news clerk, researcher, editor, and entertainment writer.

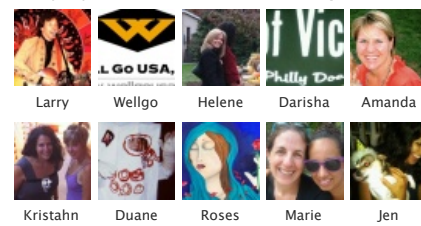


He hopes SideShow will help citizens better understand the vicissitudes of the Consumerist-Military-Industrial-Infotainment Complex, or, in other words, why Britney Spears has a tendency to shave her head, Brangelina to adopt children, and Lindsay Lohan to crave imprisonment. Read SideShow every morning.

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the hot tip inside of your cheeks. Show me how  
you once lifted your skirt to dance on a rooftop in rain,  
your face as hard

as an unsoaked bean. How underneath there are coals.  
Enough to keep the house warm.

- Previously published in 'Calyx Magazine'

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**"Burdock"**

"...black from dust but still alive and red in the center ...  
it asserts life to the end." - Tolstoy

I want to be that stubborn root,  
limbs interlocked with soil and rock.

To be that long muddy weed  
of clingy burrs.

To be tenacious and ugly.

I want to smell of sulfur, bug rot, and salt.

I want to cling to your cuffs,  
hitchhike on your heels.

Call me Gypsy Rhubarb, Beggars Button,  
Gobo, or Burr.

I want to grow alongside your quiet street  
and in your tailored garden,

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